

COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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MINUTES

September 9, 2002

Attending

JLARC MEMBERS: The Honorable Kevin G. Miller, Chairman; The Honorable Vincent F. Callahan, Jr.; The Honorable John H. Chichester; The Honorable Charles J. Colgan; The Honorable M. Kirkland Cox; The Honorable Frank D. Hargrove, Sr.; The Honorable Johnny S. Joannou; The Honorable Dwight C. Jones; The Honorable Thomas K. Norment, Jr.; The Honorable Harry J. Parrish; The Honorable John A. Rollison III; The Honorable Walter A. Stosch; The Honorable Leo C. Wardrup, Jr.; Mr. Walter J. Kucharski, Ex Officio.

<u>JLARC Staff:</u> Phil Leone, Kirk Jonas, Glen Tittermary, Bob Rotz, Greg Rest, John Long, Walt Smiley, Hal Greer, Eric Messick, Gerald Craver, Aris Bearse, Laura Whiteley, Daniel Oney, Paula Lambert, Trish Bishop, Tracey Smith, Barbara Newlin, Kimberly Sarte, Joan Irby, Becky Torrence.

Others: Dr. Sheryl Bailey, Deputy Secretary of Administration; Steve Harms, Deputy Secretary of Finance; Philip Shucet, Commissioner, Barbara Reese, Chief Investment Officer, Virginia Department of Transportation; DeAnn Compton, Audit Director, Auditor of Public Accounts Staff; Paul Van Lenten, Department of Planning and Budget; Don Ferguson, Assistant Attorney General; Captain Mike Counts, Criminal Investigation Division, Virginia State Police; Robert Vaughn, Director, Anne Oman, House Appropriations Committee Staff.

The meeting was called to order at 10:a.m. by Chairman Miller who turned the meeting over to Phil Leone.

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Mr. Leone gave a brief overview of the Agenda (Enclosure 1) and then called upon Walt Kucharski.

Mr. Kucharski presented a statement regarding the first item on the Agenda and introduced DeAnn Comption, who would present the report.

Ms. Compton directed the Commission's attention to the Briefing Package (Enclosure 2) and the Auditor of Public Accounts Report "Cash Management and Capital Budgeting Practices of the Department of Transportation" (Enclosure 3). Ms. Compton introduced other members of the study team.

Chairman Miller then recognized Philip Shucet, Commissioner, Virginia Department of Transportation, who presented the Department's response to the Auditor of Public Accounts Report, "APA Special Review of Cast Management and Budgeting Practices Workplan Summary" (Enclosure 4).

Mr. Leone directed the Commission's attention to the second item on the Agenda and stated this was a result of Senator Miller's letter to the Virginia Veterans Care Center Board of his intention to request the Commission to direct JLARC staff to propose a system of internal control for more effective safeguarding of funds and assets of the Virginia Veterans Care Center.

Mr. Leone reported that in addition to Mr. Kucharski who would be presenting the report and Dr. Sheryl Baily, Deputy Secretary of Administration who would also be making a presentation, Captain Mike Counts, Criminal Investigation Division, Virginia State Police, was present and would report on the status of the State Police investigation.

Mr. Leone then turned the meeting over to Mr. Kucharski, who directed the Commission's attention to the Briefing Package located under Tab B which was a "Status Report: Virginia Veterans Care Center" (Enclosure 5). The Auditor of Public Accounts Report is Enclosure 6.

Chairman Miller then recognized Dr. Sheryl Bailey who gave a brief report on measures which had been taken regarding the Virginia Veterans Care Center. Dr. Bailey also reported that members of the Virginia Veterans Care Center Board were present and Don Ferguson, Assistant Attorney General was also present. She then directed the Commission's attention to the Briefing Package (Enclosure 7).

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Chairman Miller called upon Captain Counts who reported the State Police investigation was nearing completion and would be turned over to the Attorney General's Office for any further action.

Mr. Leone reported the last item on the Agenda was a "Status Report: Joint Subcommittee Study of Agencies, Boards, Commissions (HJR 159)". Mr. Leone gave a brief overview of the study and reminded the Commission that JLARC staff had been directed to provide staff support for the study.

Mr. Leone then called upon Barbara Newlin, project leader. Ms. Newlin directed the Commission's attention to the Briefing Package located under Tab C (Enclosure 8) and recognized other members of the study team stating all members were providing part-time assistance.

Mr. Leone reported staff would make a presentation on the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act at the next meeting in October.

The Commission rose at 12:25 p.m.

Approved by:

Philip A. Leone, Director

Date: __September 10, 2002

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